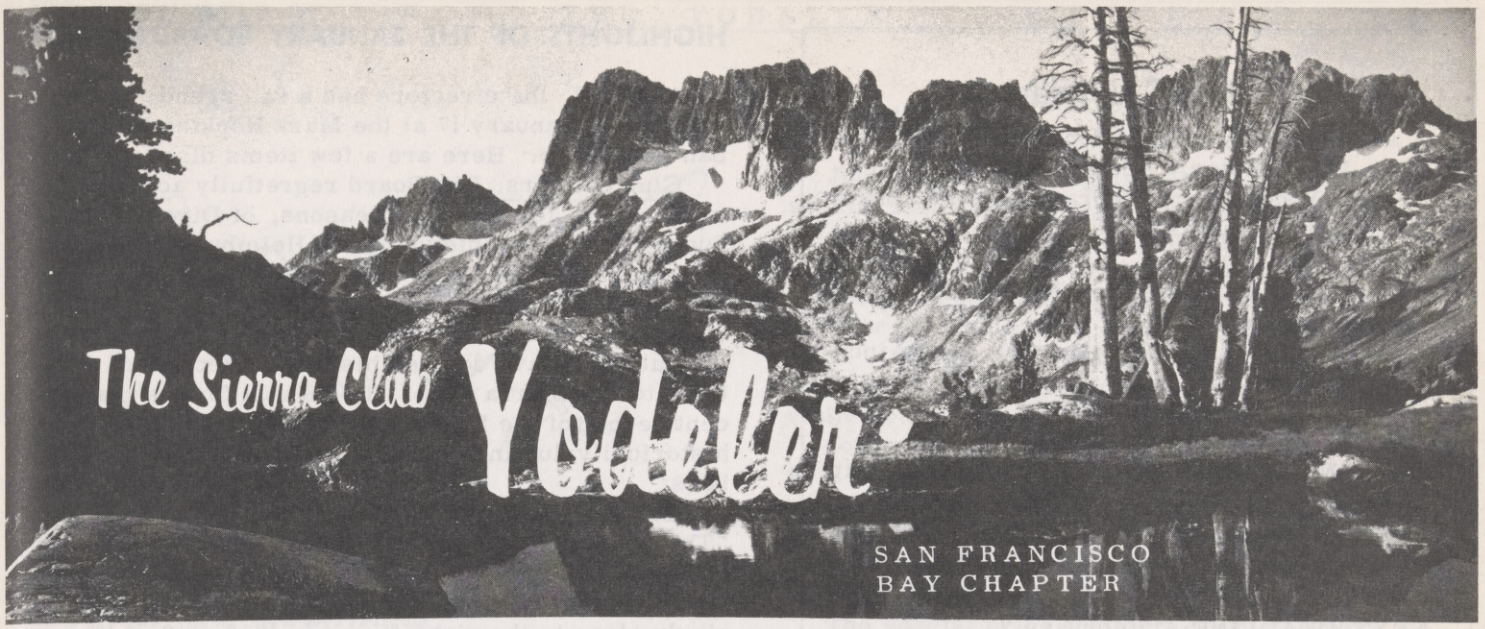

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TAMALPAIS STATE PARK

The Department of Beaches and Parks now has a definite plan, worked out in collaboration with the Sierra Club, for the acquisition of the Diaz ranch and Frank Valley, beginning immediately. Approval to this plan was given by the State Park Commission at their January meeting. We understand from our Conservation chairman, Dr. Edgar Wayburn, that Lone Tree Spring is included in that plan. The Commission stated definitely at the December meeting that this private land would be subject to condemnation for inclusion in the State Park, yet between January 1 and January 17 two more sections of road, each about 500 yards long, were cut out of the hillside on the knoll between Pan Toll and Lone Tree Spring, one of them reaching to within about 100 yards of the spring. Can anyone throw any light on this situation? --CMC

DONNER ALPS

Every skier, unfortunately, does not have the opportunity to ski the Alps where major ski lifts rise, on the average, a good 3000 vertical feet and long, untracked runs fan out from the tops of the lifts. Characteristically Alpen skiing finds inns and buses waiting at the ends of the ski runs.

This season's schedule of ski tours includes a touch of this brand of skiing. Two runs are planned starting from the top of the Lincoln Lift and terminating at the Donner Lake Lodge after dropping 2450 feet in three miles. The first of these will be open on Saturday, February 14 with a repeat on Saturday, March 14, weather and snow conditions permitting. Both trips will leave the top of Lincoln at 3 p. m. sharp and skiers will return to Clair Tappaan Lodge in the Club's chartered bus - our idea of "magic red carpet" service. Please consult your Schedule for further details. -- Fred Sandrock

"EXECS GET TOGETHER"

The monthly meeting of the Bay Chapter Executive Committee took place in the Club offices on Monday, January 12. The term of office of 5 members of the Club's Board of Directors expires this spring, and it is expected and hoped that all 5 will run for re-election to this important post in the Club's administration. Other possible candidates were discussed at the exec meeting and further thought will be given to other club members qualified to run against the incumbent candidates.

Claudia Owen gave a progress report on plans for the Annual Dinner to be held at the "Village", Columbus and Lombard Sts. in S. F., on April 25. The locale has been thoroughly checked by the planning committee, and offers excellent table arrangements as well as first-class cuisine. Save this date for the big social event of the year.

The "Exec" members gave a thorough airing to plans for improving the "Yodeler", and thereby increasing the number of subscribers. Starting with February 17 issue a year's free subscription to the "Yodeler" will be given to non-staff members who contribute the most interesting and entertaining stories about various club outings, trips, and all scheduled club activities. Trip and outing leaders are requested and encouraged to submit highlights of their activities to the "Yodeler", in care of the Sierra Club Office, Mills Tower, S. F. These articles can be in either capsule or lengthy form and will be judged on their "interest" value (not on grammar or punctuation) by the "Yodeler " staff. Also on the planning board are plans to inaugurate a "Brickbats & Bouquets" column, where readers are invited to make suggestions for improvement either in the "Yodeler" format or in the Club activity set-up as a whole. Give us your suggestions! Comments of general and constructive interest will be printed in the column. Another new feature will be a "Profiles"

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column, where leaders of various club activities and committees will be "spotlighted" for the edification and (we hope) enjoyment of the members. Coming! -- "The Ned Robinson Story". Look for it in the next issue .

The executive committee meeting also took up the subject of the Club "Hospitality Committee". This is the important group that provides accommodations for out-of-town Club members who arrive in this area for important Sierra Club business functions. Anyone interested in serving on or in helping this committee is requested to contact Ned Robinson or Cicely Christy.

The "Exec" meeting concluded with reports from liaison members Ivan Tarnowski and Randal Dickey on the subject of conservation. These reports will continue at the next session on February 9. --EDB

The Annual Dinner

Will Be Held

Saturday, April 25

(Note Date Change)

The Time: 6:00 p.m.
Cocktails
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

The Place: The Village
Columbus at Lombard
San Francisco

The Price: $4.00 each

Claudia Owen, Chairman

Watch YODELER for Announcement of Ticket Sellers and Make Your Reservations Early

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY BOARD MEETING

As usual, the directors had a full agenda at their meeting on January 17 at the Mark Hopkins Hodel, in San Francisco. Here are a few items discussed there.

Club Officers. The Board regretfully accepted the resignation, for personal reasons, of Director Lowell Sumner, and appointed Clifford Heimbucher (sixth on the list at the last election) to fill the unexpired term. Two new Patron members were named in recognition of outstanding services to the Club, Cedric and Rhea Wright, who have donated his fine collection of negatives to the Sierra Club. These will form a magnificent record of the Sierra, as well as being of great historical value in showing old-time trips and members.

Budget. Treasurer Richard M. Leonard exclaimed "The Club is sure growing!" as he announced a budget of $120,000 for 1959. Budgets, we know, are always approximate amounts, but good management kept us nicely close to the right figure in 1958, 1/2 of 1% in the red . . . about $400. An active and definite program in conservation has been responsible for the healthy growth of the Club. There is still far more to do than we have funds for.

Conservation items discussed by the Board ranged all over the State. Plans and problems of the State Parks were given much time. The State Park Commission, which is a useful bulwark against "pork-barrel" projects in the Legislature, is facing pressure to reduce it to a purely advisory body. The Directors approved a motion in favor of a strong Park Commission able to protect the quality of the State Park system. The proposed road through Coyote Canyon in Borrego Desert State Park will eventually be built, but not until all roadside frontage is owned by the Department of Beaches and Parks. The amount of work ahead of the park system was indicated when Mr. Newton Drury mentioned that plans call for acquisition of 40,000 different parcels of land, throughout the State.

The Forest Service has its problems also. A case in point is the development of Onion Valley, now a primitive area. A Forest Service permit for winter use was granted to Mr. Tyndall. His objective is to develop a large scale ski area with lift into Robinson Valley toward the Sierra crest. That must be approved before it is built, but Mr. Tyndall brought a bulldozer into Onion Valley and cut out a large parking ground, damaging the meadow, cutting water supply lines and other items of property damage. Asking why this was not stopped by the Forest Service, the Directors were told it takes FIVE MONTHS to stop such depredations, via the slow road of proceedings in federal court. That goes on everywhere in the National Forests, whereas National Parks and State Parks are better protected by law and can stop encroachment promptly. --CMC

EAST BAY DINNER — SIERRA CLUBBERS CLEAN UP THE MOUNTAINS

SC's famous and faithful Herb Rubin has some amazing things to tell you about 28 volunteers who went on a clean-up work party last summer. The members ranged in age from 5 to 55 years, and each donated the week of August 17 - 23 to cleaning up an area around Kearsarge Pass and Bullfrog Lake. The amount of trash they collected will curl your hair.

Come at 5:30 for conversation, and a fortifying dinner at 6:30 on January 28th. Then Herb Rubin will open your eyes to a problem more ominous than you think. Slides taken by members of the work party will provide some levity (maybe). Meet in the Willard Junior High School cafeteria, Telegraph and Ward Sts. in Berkeley, as per usual. For information or dinner reservations call Jean Baxter before 10:00 p.m. on January 26th.

Doug Peterson, Knapsacking Section Chairman, asks that all committee and trip leaders please notify the club office of new addresses and phones when they move.

Change of address and additional telephone for Francis Walcott, leader of Blythedale Ridge hike, Beb. 22 and Hiking and Trail Day, March 7.

Address now 3500 Fulton St., Apt. 14, San Francisco, 18. Telephone - SKyline 2-5818. Day telephone same as schedule.

The John Muir Association will have its Annual Dinner at the Junior High School in Martinez on February 2, at 7 p.m. Tickets, $2 each, may be obtained from Dr. Stanley A. Hunter, 2711 Regent St., Berkeley 5 or from Jacqueline Watkins of the Berkeley Recreation Department.

HAVASU TIME

Joe Wampler will again offer his Havasu trip at special rates to Sierra Club members this year.

Havasu is the beautiful tributary canyon of the Grand Canyon and is outstanding because of its striking and colorful cliffs and rock formations, the blue-green color of its water and its waterfalls. It is the more interesting because it is the home of the Havasupai Indians, whose village is visited on the trip.

Joe will meet trip members at Peach Springs, Arizona, at 7:00 A.M. Monday, March 30. The trip actually starts at Hualpai Hilltop, 70 miles beyond Peach Springs, with a 10 mile hike to Joe's base camp. From there day hikes will radiate to different destinations in the canyon or on its rims.

The special price to Sierra Club members of $48 covers food from lunch on Monday, March 30, through lunch on Saturday, April 4.

Reservation requests should be addressed to Walter Oppenheimer, 1288 - 36th Avenue, San Francisco, 22, OVerland 1-5536 and be accompanied by remittance for the trip fee payable to Joe Wampler. For information and transportation coordination contact Walter Oppenheimer.

--Walt Oppenheimer

PHOTO CLINIC

Dr. Henry Takahashi of Berkeley has graciously accepted the invitation to conduct both evenings of the PHOTO CLINIC, on February 4 and 18. The sessions will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Mills Tower Assembly Room.

Dr. Takahashi is well versed upon the subject of equipment, composition, and technique, having judged and exhibited extensively.

Both beginners and advanced photographers should profit by attending these two sessions.

Since our guest speaker is giving his valuable time and knowledge, we hope to have an adequate, enthusiastic turnout.

--Ned Jack

FOR SALE 16 mm Bolex movie camera with 3 lenses, 18 months old, excellent condition, filters, film, cable release, and $48 Tiltal tripod. Cost $521, sacrifice, $250. Ralph Moore, Th 3-1389, 8-5, M-F or evenings 1230 Barott Rd., Lafayette.

FOR SALE lot, approximately 11 miles from Squaw Valley. 50' x 200', approximately 1/4 acre. 50' road front. It has a gradual incline and will not be difficult to build on. The price is $4,000 if I can sell it myself.

Mille Hollingsworth Heckethier, 1480 W. Bayshore Rd. Palo Alto.

CTL NEWS

The snow? this weekend was rather wet, in fact in unpacked places it very much resembled tapioca pudding. Those avid skiers who packed out Signal Hill stated that skiing wasn't bad at all. From highly unreliable sources (the weatherman) I hear that it is snowing now, so there is still hope. Signal ran both days of the weekend (1/10-1/11) with Jerry watching the rope and the ski patrol, Thunes Inc., watching skiers and effecting repairs on at least two unfortunates. This brings to mind a policy that is being renewed this year concerning walking up to Signal Hill, carrying your skis. Jerry is packing out a foot-path with snow shoes that is off the ski trail and actually much easier walking. In general the path stays on the left-hand side going up. Remember the old adage, "The holes you make, cause bones to break." Broken bones remind me of release bindings--be sure yours are properly adjusted before you start skiing this year.

The lodge has adopted a new policy concerning the worksheet this year -- they check the worksheet against the reservation list. If your name is not there, you will be invited not to return. Be advised! The downstairs roomettes seem to be working out well, except when someone drops only one shoe upstairs -- that's worse than the "Pit and the Pendulum."

Ned Robinson will be teaching a Ski Mountaineering course at the Oakland YMCA, beginning February 18 and continuing for the six following Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. There will be a $1 registration fee and a weekend of snow camping after the last meeting of the class on March 26. Completion and passing of the course will entitle you to NSA certification and badge if you have also passed the 3rd class ski test and completed Advanced First Aid.

The second meeting of the SF Section of the Sierra Club Ski Patrol was held on January 5 at Roberta Codis' house. The discussion centered around cardboard splints and their uses in a variety of situations. The next meeting is scheduled for February 3 at the Grunland's. General topics of discussion will be first aid belts and release bindings. Of the latter we will try to have samples so that we can practice adjusting them for safety and also see how to get an injured person out of them in the safest manner.

--Roberta Codis

ALPINE CLUB INVITES SIERRANS TO USE LODGE

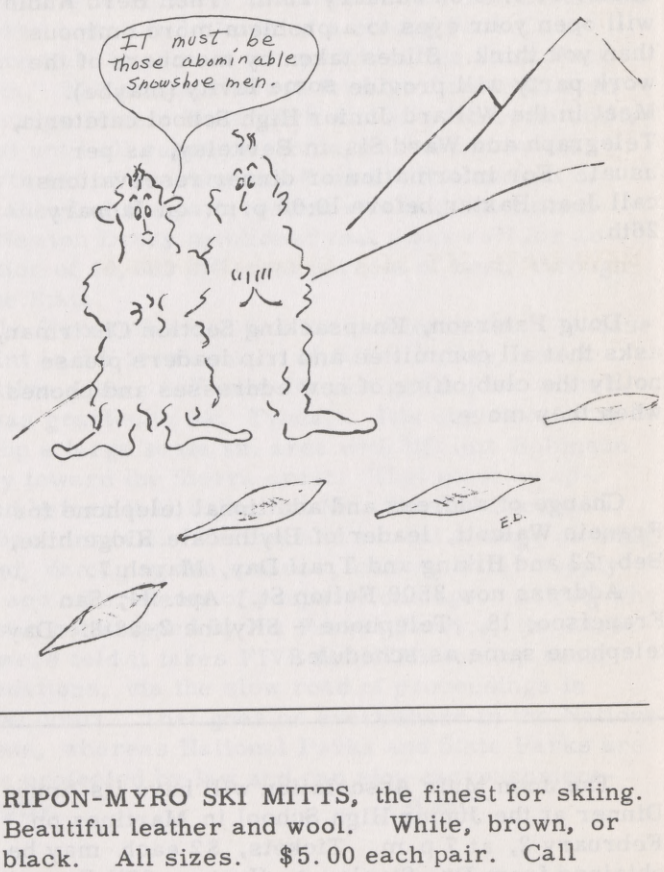
California Alpine Club has invited Sierra Clubbers to use the CAC lodge at Echo Summit on Highway 50. The lodge is open weekends, from Friday night through Sunday noon, except when too few sign up or ski conditions are bad. Reservations must be made by Wednesday of the preceding week with the leaders for the applicable week.

Leaders order food for the whole group and, as at CTL, there's a share-the-work program.

The lodge accommodates 40. Minimum weekend charge is $5.00, with price progressing upward depending upon number of meals taken and whether dormitory or room is used. Equipment needs are the same as for CTL. Skis may be rented in the area, but the club recommends that everyone bring his own in the event that skis are needed to get to the lodge.

Echo Summit Lodge is about 180 miles from San Francisco, with auto travel the only transportation. On a share-the-expense basis, transportation usually costs about $5.00 round trip per person.

For further details, and to learn whom to contact each week, call any of the following: San Francisco --Hilary Crawford, Jr., DOuglas 2-2691; Marin--Ken Wiltz, GLenwood 3-7653; Peninsula--Walt West, DAvenport 3-7115.



FOR SALE

NORWEGIAN LAMINATED HICKORY SKIS with Kandahar binding, length 6' 8", steel poles. Good condition $45. HANDMADE GERMAN SKI BOOTS -- nearly new -- size 7, narrow, $15.00. Call GRaystone 4-6190.

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RIDE TO SUN VALLEY WANTED, for arrival there on March 8. Connie Sanchez, days YUkon 6-0822, evenings PRospect 6-8665.

FIRST OF THE SEASON

A warm rain beat down Friday night as thirty expectant snowshoers found their way into the hospitality of the California Alpine Club at Echo Lake. In the morning, however, much to everyone's delight, it was snowing and after a filling breakfast the group trekked its way to half-frozen Echo Lake and to the top of the Eastward ridge. Between the piercing wind and the obscuring fog little of the scenic grandeur was visible. Upon returning to the lodge, bodies were thawed and spirits were warmed and soon a "conga-line" was formed around the pot-bellied stove. Sunday morning the sun appeared as the group "racquetted" its way toward the Nebelhorn, with a delightful lunch stop with "primused" hot chocolate. Hats off to our leaders and the warm hearted reception of Hilary Crawford and Maralee and Ken Wiltz.

-- Shirley and Kim Davisson

FOR SALE

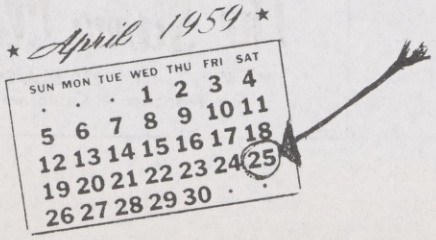
Due to circumstances I must give my dog away. She is all Dalmatian with a touch of Beagle. A white and black beauty, with good character and likes children if they do not tease. Because of the touch of Beagle, she will not grow to Dalmatian size. At a year old she weighs about 25 pounds. All "Lady" needs is love and a fence. I almost forgot, she sits, sits-up, and lies down on command. Arnold O. Long, 5306 60th Street, Sacramento 20, phone GL 1-0118.

NEW DATE SET FOR ANNUAL DINNER

The 1959 Annual Sierra Club Dinner, this "not-to-be-missed" event will be held Saturday, April 25 at San Francisco's famous "Village", Columbus and Lombard. "The Village" will also provide the setting for the Club's directors meeting during the morning and afternoon preceding the Banquet. Normally, both events take place on the first Saturday of May -- hence the confusion!

Banquet Chairman, Claudia Owen, reports that this year's Annual Dinner promises to be "an unforgettable experience". A social hour at 6:00 p.m. will be followed by a festive dinner and a subsequent program which "has the earmarks of making Sierra Club history", according to Claudia. Price is $4.00 per person, including tax and tip.

Mark the date on your calendar now: April 25. For further announcements, watch the YODELER!



IDAHO WILDERNESS RIVER TRIP

TO BE HELD EARLY IN AUGUST

The Sierra Club and the American Whitewater Affiliation have announced a brand new adventure -- a wilderness trip in what is probably America's largest remaining primitive area. This will be a joint venture sponsored by the Sierra Club and the AWA. We will draw on experience gained last year when the Sierra Club enjoyed two very successful trips down the main Salmon. The people of Idaho have only recently become aware of the tremendous opportunity for recreation which their state affords, and one of the reasons this area has been chosen is the enthusiastic cooperation which the local people gave to the Sierra Club last summer. The area offers a fine variety of boating experience with waters to challenge the most expert boater, as well as scenery to delight the less experienced.

It will be a base camp type of trip so located that runs can be made on the Selway, Lochsa, Middle Fork and North Fork of the Clearwater. For those who would like to see the more remote headwater regions, a pack trip may be planned which will take them into what has been described as "honest-to-goodness wild elk country, the best wild country left". In the opinion of experts there are few places that compare for abundance of wildlife with this Selway country. This type of trip will accommodate boaters of various experience. If you have a foldboat or canoe, you will probably want to bring it. If river running is new to you, you may wish to ride in the neoprene rafts which will be available.

Watch for your March Sierra Club Bulletin for more complete details as to cost and dates.

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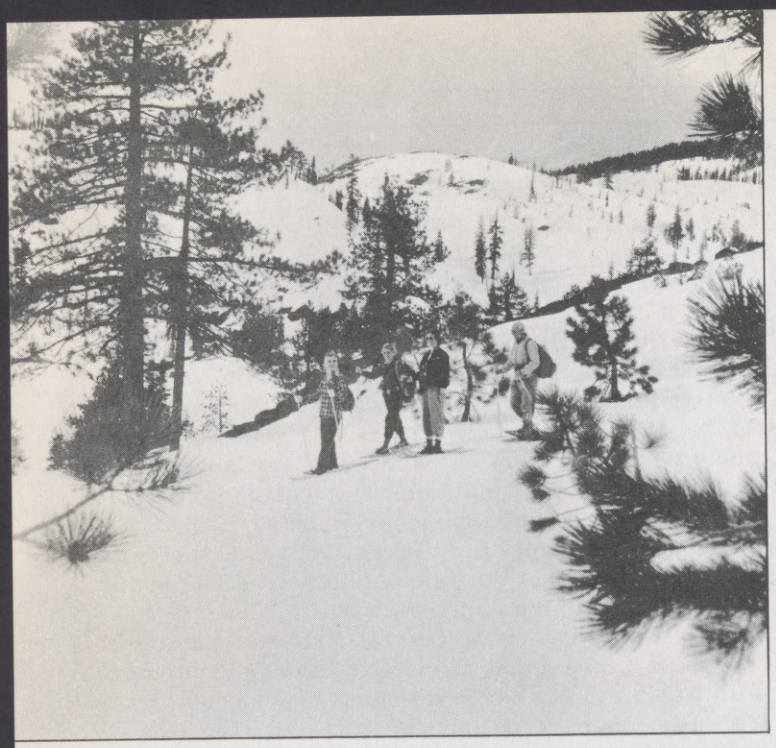

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